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- (1) Miyatake et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,241,575, issued August 31, 1993;
- (2) Takada et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990; and
- (3) Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 3-192764, published August 22, 1991.

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